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1. INDOCHINA

PRES FORMALLY DECLARES US NO LONGER AT WAR, ENDS GI
WARTIME BENEFITS (NAUGHTON, NYT; KUMPA, SUN). GOP
IN CONGRESS NOT SUPPORTING INQUISITION INTO VN FIASCO,
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THOUGH SOME PRIVATELY SAY CHARGES OF BLAME COULD BECOME
MAJOR ISSUE IN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN (SPERLING, CSM).
BODIES OF LAST 2 MARINES KILLED IN VN LEFT BEHIND DUE
TO LAST MINUTE CONFUSION (REUTER, SUN; UPI, PHINQ;

NYDN; FINNEY, NYT). MME NHU WILL APPEAR ON NBC/TV'S "TOMORROW" SHOW, 1:00 AM MAY 9 (KNI, SUN; ADAMS, NYDN). VC, THROUGH ALGERIANS, ASK US FOR TAKEOVER RIGHTS TO SVN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON; TOLD REQUEST BEING STUDIED (MARDER, WP).

ADMIN OFFICIALS URGE SWIFT PASSAGE OF 507 MILLION DOLS REQUESTED BY PRES TO FUND REFUGEE EFFORT. AMB BROWN TELLS CONGRESS US WILL PRESSURE OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE SOME REFUGEES. IN PARIS, FRENCH PRES TOLD CABINET PREPARED ACCEPT SVN REFUGEES "OF FRENCH CULTURE" WANTING COME TO FRANCE (PHINQ). REP RODINO URGES QUICK

CONSIDERATION OF PRES' FUND REQUEST (CSM). HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBC WITH UNUSUAL SPEED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES OPEN-ENDED BILL FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, WITH SEPT 30, 1977 CUTOFF; MEASURE NOW GOES TO FULL COMMITTEE THAT IS EXPECTED REPORT IT OUT IN TIME FOR HOUSE ACTION NEXT WEEK (MEYER, WP). ACTION COMES AMID SIGNS CONGRESS' MOOD ON REFUGEE ISSUE SHIFTING RAPIDLY AWAY FROM ANTAGONISM, INDIFFERENCE, TOWARD POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PRES' APPEAL (BINDER, NYT). SUBC LEAVES SPECIFICATION OF DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR RESETTLEMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THAT BEGINS HEARINGS TODAY (PEPPER, SUN).

SMALL GOLD HOARDS THEY BROUGHT HELPING SOME VIET REFUGEES (SCHMIDT, CSM). TASK FORCE OF DEALERS COMES TO FT. CHAFFEE AREA TO BUY VIETS' GOLD (WINCHESTER, GUARDIAN, IN WP). VOLAGS FIND SPONSOR SHORTAGE SLOWS REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (KNEELAND, NYT). JOB INTERVIEWERS FAN OUT AMONG REFUGEES IN US CAMPS TO IDENTIFY EDUCATION, SKILLS, TRY MATCH AGAINST UNFILLED JOB OPENINGS (CAHILL, NYDN). FT CHAFFEE REACTIVATION AS REFUGEE CENTER HAS BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF JOBS TO AREA'S LAGGING ECONOMY (RICHARDS, WP). FRANCE OPENS DOORS TO REFUGEES, PREPARES WELCOME UP TO 50,000 (LEWTHWAITE, SUN). VIETS ASSIMILATE WELL INTO FRANCE (PULLAN, SUN); BUT FRENCH CAMP STILL UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS 450 REFUGEES FROM '54, OUT OF 31,000 EVACUATED, WHO ARE DESTITUTE, HAVE NO SKILLS, RELATIVES OR LANGUAGE (AP, NYDN). FIRST GROUP KHMER REFUGEES ARRIVES PENDLETON (CSM). PA STATE OFFICIALS CONSIDERING USING HARRISBURG AREA MIL CAMP AS RECEPTION CENTER FOR VIET REFUGEES (BROWN, PHINQ). SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY HUMAN-INTEREST REFUGEE STORIES, PHOTOS.

GVN GAVE 250 PLANES BACK TO US BEFORE FALL, ACCORDING WH, IN ADDITION TO 122 FLOWN TO THAILAND (UPI, WP). PHILA MARINE SAW LAST MINUTES OF SAIGON EVACUATION (MCARTHUR, LAT, IN PHINQ). TWENTY-SIX VESSEL SVN CONVOY BRINGS 20,000 REFUGEES TO SUBIC FROM PHU QUOC. ARRIVALS

TRANSFERRED TO 6 US-CHARTERED SHIPS FOR JOURNEY TO GUAM (WP). EVACUATION CAPT SAYS 30,000 REFUGEES LEFT ON PHU QUOC BEACHES (AP, NYT). AMB MARTIN FLIES TO BAGUIO FOR REST, WORK (WP; UPI, PHINQ). SVN'S ABOUT 2 MILLION RCS READY SELVES FOR ACCOMMODATION, UNCERTAIN DAYS AHEAD (SOUTHERLAND, CSM).

ECOSOC APPEALS TO ALL NATIONS PROVIDE INDOCHINA RECONSTRUCTION AID (WP; NYT). AID FROM FRIENDLY NATIONS POURS ONTO HAIPHONG DOCKS (AP SUN, NYDN, WP). NVN DEL ARRIVES MOSCOW TO TAKE PART IN CELEBRATIONS MARKING END WW II 30 YRS AGO (AFP, WP).

SAIGON RESTORES NEWS LINKS (NYT). CITY BACK TO NORMAL AS LEADERS OF SAIGON'S NEW MIL GOVT MAKE APPEARANCE. GAS COSTS 8 DOLS GALLON, SEVERAL AMCITS WHO MISSED EVACUATION HAVE SURFACED (WP). NEW SAIGON RULERS PROMISE LENIENCY, BUT WARN THOSE WHO REMAIN STUBBORN AND ACT "AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE" WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED (WP; AP PHINQ, NYDN). COMMUNIST MACHINE TOOK OVER SMOOTHLY IN SAIGON, WITH NO REPORTED REPRISALS, BUT THEY KEEP TIGHT REIN. SPECULATION EXISTS OF STRUGGLE BETWEEN SOFT-LINERS -- USUALLY VC, WHO WANT GIVE ANTI-COMMUNISTS SOME VOICE IN GOVT -- AND HARD-LINERS, GENERALLY N VIETS, WHO DISAGREE. BLACK MARKETS CONTINUE FLOURISH (UPI NYDN, PHINQ). NEW RULERS HOLD BIG SAIGON RALLY AS GEN TRAN VAN TRA AND COUNCIL THAT RULES CITY APPEAR. SVN CLOCKS SET BACK 1 HR TO CONFORM TO HANOI TIME (REUTER NYT, SUN). SAIGON STILL HAS NO ORGANIZED POLICE UNCLASSIFIED

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FORCE AND MANY TROOPS HAVE MOVED OUT OF CITY (UPI, NYT).

SECOND CONVOY FOREIGNERS REACHES THAI BORDER BUT DELAYS IN COMING ACROSS (UPI, NYT, AP PHINQ, SUN). CONVOY HAS 550 REFUGEES (AFP, WP). "LE MONDE" CORRESPONDENT SAYS CAMBODIA QUIET (KAPLAN, WP). PP FELL FIRST TO FORMER "PLAYBOY," ACCORDING AFP ARTICLES DESCRIBING LAST DAYS OF GKR, CONFUSION OF LONG BORET WHO SOUGHT NEWSMEN'S ADVICE ON WHAT TO DO (WP). FRENCH RADIO CARRIES CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM EVACUATED FOREIGNERS, WITH SOME SAYING TRANSITION IN PP WENT OFF SMOOTHLY WHILE OTHERS TELL OF LOOTING, VIOLENCE (UPI, WP). PP RADIO BROADCAST STRESSES SELF-RELIANCE, CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN COUNTRY OF "FILTH AND GARBAGE" (AP, NYT). SAUKAM KHOY, AT PENDLETON, SAYS GKR PAID LON NOL MILLION DOLS TO LEAVE COUNTRY (AP SUN, PHINQ; REUTER WP, NYT; WILSON, NYDN). LON NOL IN HAWAII COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT (NYT).

BATTLES SPREAD IN LAOS AS TOWN BETWEEN VIENTIANE, LUANG PRABANG FALLS TO PL (WP). FACTIONS IN LAOS ACT TO END STRIFE, SIGN FACT HALTING TROOP CLASHES

(AP NYT, PHINQ; CSM). US PRESENCE IN LAOS FADES QUIETLY, WITH US OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS SINCE 1973 DOWN FROM 1400 TO 850 (LESLIE, LAT 5/7).

2. JAPAN

QUEEN ELIZABETH GREETED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY EMPEROR, TENS OF THOUSANDS FLAG-WAVING JAPANESE, ON FIRST VISIT JAPAN BY REIGNING BRITISH MONARCH. RECIPROCATES EMPEROR'S VISIT LONDON 1971 (UPI, WP, NYT, CSM). UPI PHOTOS OF QUEEN, EMPEROR IN NYT, PHINQ, SUN.

SUN'S SEIDEN LABELS RECEPTION "CORDIAL AND DIGNIFIED." SAYS VISIT CEREMONIAL, BUT SOME JAPANESE SAY "SYMBOLICALLY MARKS FINAL END" WW II BAD MEMORIES.

OHIRA WEDNESDAY PRESENTED REPORT OF TAX AGENCY INVESTIGATION TANAKA'S TAXES TO DIET AUDIT COMM; SAYS NO "GROSS ERRORS" IN RETURNS FILED BY TANAKA AND HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRMS, BUT SOME ERRORS IN CALCULATIONS, INTERPRETATION OF TAX RULES. REPORT SAYS TANAKA ORDERED PAY 130 MILLION (SIC) DOLS BACK TAXES (CSM; REUTER, NYT).

JOC (TOKYO) CITES JAL REPORT WEDNESDAY FIRM LOST 60.5 MILLION DOLS JFY 74; LOSSES DUE INCREASED FUEL COSTS, TERMINATION TAIWAN ROUTE CALCULATED AT 92.7 MILLION DOLS.

JNR WORKERS BEGIN 72-HR STRIKE THURSDAY TO PRESS WAGE DEMANDS; BUT RAW MATERIAL, PARTS INVENTORIES AT RECORD HIGHS, AND STRIKE NOT EXPECTED DISRUPT ECONOMY, UNLESS PROLONGED (JOC, TOKYO).

JOC'S CULLISON NOTES JDA PLANS SEND EIGHT-MAN JASDF MISSION TO US, FIVE WEUR COUNTRIES JUNE 1, TO STUDY NEW FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PRIOR GOJ DECISION WHICH TO PROCURE. NOTES HINTS JAPAN WISHES BUY MORE THAN 100 NEW FIGHTERS FOR ABOUT 790 MILLION DOLS, BEGINNING JFY 77.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES CENTRAL POWER COUNCIL PLANS CONTINUE STRESS NUCLEAR POWER; FORESEES 46 BILLION DOL INVESTMENT IN POWER DEVELOPMENT OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS, 43 PERCENT IN NUCLEAR PLANTS.

MITSUBISHI OIL WEDNESDAY AGREED PAY INLAND SEA FISHERMEN 7.7 MILLION DOLS TO COMPENSATE FOR OIL-SPILL DAMAGE LAST DECEMBER (AFP, WP).

3. KOREA

NESSEN WEDNESDAY SAID PRES' MAY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE

STATEMENT REAFFIRMING US COMMITMENT TO SK SOUGHT
CONVEY MESSAGE TO NK IN UNMISTAKABLE TERMS THAT US
WOULD MEET ANY ATTEMPT RAISE TENSIONS IN AREA (WIEGHART, W
NYDN).

PARK WEDNESDAY TOLD JOINT MEETING OF GOVT, OPPOSITION
LEADERS, SEES "NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD DOUBT" DEFENSE
COMMITMENT BY US ALLY; FIRST SUCH EXPRESSION OF
CONFIDENCE SINCE FALL OF SVN, CAMBODIA (AP, WP).

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4. CHINA

NESSEN WEDNESDAY PLAYED DOWN SPECULATION PRES' PRESS
CONFERENCE PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR SK, ROC SIGNALS
INTENTION SLOW DOWN US EFFORTS OPEN RELATIONS WITH
PRC; INSISTS "ABSOLUTELY NO POLICY SHIFT" AND NORMALIZA-
TION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC IS "CARDINAL ELEMENT IN
AMERICAN RELATIONS." OTHER OFFICIALS SAY PRIVATELY
FORD REALIZED REAFFIRMATION COULD UPSET DELICATE RELATIONS
WITH PRC, BUT FELT WARNING REQUIRED BECAUSE OF CONCERN
FALL OF SVN, CAMBODIA MIGHT ENCOURAGE NK AGGRESSION
(WIEGHART).

TAIPEI CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTS ROC TROOPS STILL
OCCUPY SPRATLEYS (WP).

5. THAILAND

US RETRIEVED OVER 100 JET FIGHTERS, HELOS FROM THAILAND
BEFORE OPERATION ENDED AT REQUEST RTG, ACCORDING DOD
SPOKESMAN WEDNESDAY (CSM). CORDDRY (SUN) CITES DEF MIN
PRAMAN URGING US NEGOTIATE OWNERSHIP OF REMAINING
PLANES WITH "VIETNAM" SO "OWNER CAN TAKE THEM AWAY."
NOTES EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP CLAIMED BY US REPORTED ON
WAY TO CHARGE' MASTERS.

SENATE WEDNESDAY APPROVED CHARLES WHITEHOUSE NOMINATION
AS AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND (REUTER, NYT).

6. HONG KONG

NYT SPECIAL (HK) NOTES QUEEN WELCOMED WARMLY ON SIGHTSEEING
TOURS, BUT VISIT LED TO VENTING OF FRUSTRATION,
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS. ONE GROUP ASKED FOR ELECTION
OF AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE. PEKING SILENCE
ABOUT VISIT VIEWED BY SOME AS "ASSERTION" OF BRITISH
SOVEREIGNTY OVER AREA REPEATEDLY CLAIMED BY CHINA.

JOC'S STRAUSS IN HK STATES US ORDERS HALT IN MOVEMENT
OF GOODS DESTINED FOR CAMBODIA MAY 12, AND SVN MAY 1,

FOR SIMPLE REASON DOES NOT WANT ITS MONEY FLOW INTO
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INDOCHINA FOR USE OF NEW, POSSIBLY HOSTILE GOVTS.
MEANTIME, GOODS PILING UP IN WAREHOUSES THROUGHOUT
AREA.

7. MALAYSIA

FROM KL, STRAUSS REVIEWS GROWTH OF MALAYSIAN INTL

SHIPPING CORP, FOUNDED 1968 AS NATL FLAG CARRIER AT
URGING TWO CHINESE ENTREPRENEURS; GOM OWNS 51 PERCENT
OF MISC FLEET THAT NOW TOTALS 500,000 TONS.

8. AUSTRALIA/NZ

PRES, SECSTATE MEET WITH AUSSIE, NZ, UK PMS IN
WASHINGTON TO REASSURE THEM INDOCHINA SETBACK HAS IN
NO WAY WEAKENED US RESOLVE STAND BY FRIENDS, ALLIES
IN ASIA, ELSEWHERE (WIEGHART). MEETING STARTS MONTH
OF HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCES HERE, ABROAD WITH LEADERS
ALLIED NATIONS (NYT) TO RESTATE LOYALTY TO FRIENDS IN
AFTERMATH OF VN (PEPPER).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

NYT SAYS WHILE MATERIAL WEALTH IN US-BUILT ARMS AND
FACILITIES LEFT IN SEA IS BEYOND RESCUE, ANOTHER
"LEFTOVER," 2.3 MILLION GALLONS OF ORANGE HERBICIDE,
AWAITS DISPOSAL. LESSER EVIL, THAN INCINERATING IT
"DOWN-WIND" OF MICRONESIA, IS REPROCESSING PESTICIDE
BY DESTROYING HARMFUL COMPOUNDS. TO NYT'S LEWIS,
CONTRAST OF PRES FORD'S WILLINGNESS RECEIVE VN
REFUGEES BUT DENYING UNIVERSAL AMNESTY TO AMERICANS
WHO DODGED SERVING IN WAR, AND HIS INSISTENCE NIXON
MADE NO "SECRET AGREEMENTS" WITH GVN, SHOW HE IS "LIMITED
MAN"--PERSONALLY KIND, BUT WITH "NARROW, LARGELY
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE IN LIFE" (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

"FOREIGN POLICY" MANAGING EDITOR HOLBROOKE (IN WP)
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SEES US INDOCHINA EXPERIENCE FINALLY COMING DOWN "TO
ONE SIMPLE, HORRIBLE TRUTH: WE DIDN'T BELONG THERE,
WE HAD NO BUSINESS DOING WHAT WE WERE DOING, EVEN THE
GOOD PARTS OF IT" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ISRAELI EDITOR ROSENFELD DRAWS SEVERAL LESSONS FROM VN DEBACLE, INCLUDING THAT THIRD-PARTY GUARANTEES TO SMALL NATION DEPEND ON CONDITIONS WHEN CRUNCH COMES AND CAN NEVER BE SUBSTITUTE FOR INDEPENDENT POWER OF RECIPIENT NATION (LAT MAY 7).

BALT NA (MAY 7) INSISTS VN FUGITIVES CONSTITUTE NO SIZEABLE THREAT TO AMERICANS OUT OF WORK; URGES CONGRESS QUICKLY PROVIDE NEEDED FINANCIAL AID. GLOBE NOTES REFUGEES CONSTITUTE "COMPARATIVELY FEW PEOPLE."

CONTENDS WOULD BE ISOLATIONIST FOR US TO TURN BACK ON VN, CAMBODIA, NOW THAT WE NO LONGER DIRECTLY INVOLVED THERE; WE MUST WORK THROUGH UN TO HELP THEM RECOVER. VN DEFEAT HAS ALREADY DIMINISHED US SUBSTANTIALLY IN EYES OF ASIAN, EUROPEAN FRIENDS, SAYS LAT'S ELEGANT; NOW MASS REFUGEE EVACUATION, HASTILY CONCEIVED BUT WELL EXECUTED, HAS DEMONSTRATED US POWER AND WILL STILL FORCES TO RECKON WITH (MAY 7).

FURGURSON (WSTAR MAY 7) LAUDS "BRAIN AND DILIGENCE" OF TYPICAL VIETNAMESE REFUGEE; IF FEW ARE BARGIRLS, "WHY SO ARE A FEW OF OUR NATIVE BORN." SUN ARGUES US "CAN HARDLY TURN HOLIER-THAN-THOU" AND SEEK EXCLUDE HANDFUL OF VN REFUGEES WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED MORALLY OBJECTIONABLE; BUT STRESSES VAST MAJORITY COMING HERE DO NOT FIT THIS CATEGORY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). WSTAR'S DOWLING (MAY 7) OBSERVES CONCERNING VN REFUGEES THAT WE ARE DEALING HERE WITH FIRST IMMIGRANTS IN OUR HISTORY FOR WHOSE PLIGHT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE; WE CRINGE FROM IT, PLEADING ANCIENT RUBICS OF RACISM, UNEMPLOYMENT, RESETTLEMENT COSTS, BECAUSE WHAT WE DID IN VN IS EVEN DEEPER SHAME, EVEN HARDER TO FACE THAN SELFISHNESS AND IGNORANCE.

WSJ REGRETS SEEING "MOST 'MORALISTIC' WING OF AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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LIBERALISM" MAKING "UNSEEMLY ALLIANCE" WITH SOME OF WORST INSTINCTS LURKING IN US CITIZENRY, TO OPPOSE ENTRY VN REFUGEES. CITES MCGOVERN FAVORING "VOLUNTARY" REFUGEE EVACUATION; REP HOLZTMAN WISHING DENY REFUGE TO WAR PROFITEERS, "TIGER CAGE" GUARDS. SUSPECTS NEW SENSE URGENCY SPREADING ON CAPITOL HILL PROBABLY REFLECTS CONCLUSION FORD MAKING POLITICAL GAINS ON REFUGEE ISSUE.

10. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S LELYVELD IN MANILA NOTES 34TH DAY OF AQUINO'S HUNGER STRIKE PASSES WITHOUT ANY SIGN MAR PREPARED MAKE GESTURE THAT WOULD ENABLE HIM TO CALL IT OFF (USIA

WIRELESS FILE).

11. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 5/7) REVIEWS NEW PHENOMENON SEEN IN RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS -- ALMOST ALL CANDIDATES BELIEVE POSING AS "INDEPENDENTS" POLITICALLY MORE PROFITABLE THAN RUNNING UNDER LABEL OF PARTIES SUPPORTING THEM. VIEWS AS MANIFESTATION OF VOTER HOPELESSNESS WITH SYSTEM

ITSELF, "NO MATTER WHO WINS NOTHING CHANGES," AND SPECIFIC EXPRESSION OF DISSATISFACTION WITH TWO MAJOR PARTIES, LDP AND JSP, NEITHER OF WHICH HAS BROADENED TRADITIONAL BASE OR SEEMS ABLE RESPOND NEW PROBLEMS.

12. PACIFIC ISLANDS

REUTER'S MALONE IN TINIAN FINDS MARIANAS ISLANDERS SHARPLY DIVIDED ON WHETHER VOTE BECOME US COMMONWEALTH IN JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE. STATES MANY FEAR, AFTER UNDISCLOSED ASPECTS OF PACT MADE PUBLIC, THAT SOVEREIGNTY DELEGATED TO US MEANS UNRESTRICTED US IMMIGRATION, INVESTMENT THAT WOULD OVERWHELM THEM. SAYS US ADMIN REFUSED PERMIT REFERENDUM ON US MILITARY BASES, BUT SURVEY ON TINIAN REVEALS MOST ADULTS OPPOSE BASES AND INTRODUCTION NUKES. ADDS CAMPAIGN ON SAIPAN "UNUSUALLY QUIET" BECAUSE OF GOVT BAN ON RADIO, TV COVERAGE (MAY 7).

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13. THAILAND

CHITRIB (5/7) STATES NONE OF NEIGHBORING DOMINOS SO NERVOUS AS THAILAND IN WAKE OF COMMUNIST INDOCHINA VICTORIES; BUT ITS FOOTWORK MUST BE AGILE AS FAMED ROYAL DANCERS TO AVOID SURRENDERING TO COMMUNISTS OR CALLING ON US FOR HELP.

14. CHINA

GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS (CSM) STATES CHINESE ENJOYED SHOWING PRESS ONE OF MOST EXTRAVAGANT FAILURES -- UNIMPRESSIVE DAM STRADDLING YELLOW RIVER OUTSIDE SANMENHSIA. NEARLY 18 YEARS AFTER BEGUN, PRODUCES ONLY 5 PERCENT OF POWER INTENDED. SPECULATES REAL PURPOSE CHINESE PUBLICIZE IS TO NEEDLE SOVIETS WHO WALKED OUT ON PROJECT WHEN MOSCOW HALTED TECHNICAL AID 1960.

15. GENERAL

WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (MAY 7) CITES ADMIN OFFICIALS THAT PRES'

PRESS CONFERENCE ASSURANCES TO ROK, TAIWAN CAREFULLY
THOUGHT OUT IN ADVANCE, AS PART OF EFFORT SEEKING
INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN AREA SHAKEN BY COLLAPSE OF US
ALLIES IN INDOCHINA (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

LAT'S ELEGANT (5/7) AT HK SEES COMING MONTHS CRUCIAL
FOR US, ASIA. SAYS DIPLOMATS BELIEVE ISSUE NOT ONLY
US MIL, POL, ECON POSITION VIS-A-VIS SMALLER ASIAN
NATIONS, BUT ALSO US RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, PRC.

OPINES WASHINGTON FACES IMMENSE TASK OF REASSURING
WAVERING FRIENDS AND COMPELLING RESPECT FROM FOES;
IF NEW REGARD FOR US NOT CREATED IN NEXT 6 MOS, MAY
BE TOO LATE. STATES HANOI TIGHTENS SCREWS ON NERVOUS
SEA NEIGHBORS: THAILAND AND PHILS BEING GIVEN LITTLE
TIME FOR REFLECTION, INDONESIA WORRY THAT COMMUNIST
UNDERGROUND STRENGTHENED BY NVN VICTORY. BELEIVES
SK SEEN BY ALL AS ACID TEST US COMMITMENTS. QUOTES
DIPLOMATS THAT JAPAN PERHAPS BEING PUSHED CLOSER TO
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NUCLEAR REARMAMENT, AND PRC "BEATING THE DRUM" AGAIN
FOR "PEOPLE'S WARS OF LIBERATION." CONCLUDES US DETENTE
WITH PRC MORE DIRECTLY THREATENED BY VN DEBACLE THAN
DETENTS WITH USSR. KISSINGER

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